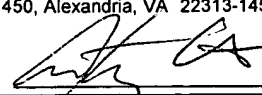


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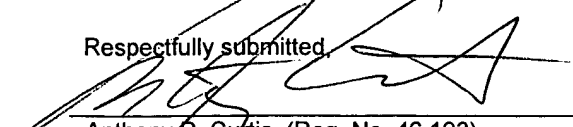
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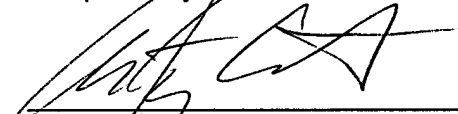
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REMARKS

The Applicant has reviewed the Examiner's reasons for allowance as set forth in the Notice of Allowance and respectfully wishes to make of record a traverse of one of said reasons. In the last paragraph on page 3 of the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner has read elements of the specification into the claims, by including a component of the laminate not required by the claim language. Claim 1, for example, is in open format, as characterized by the word "comprising" in the preamble; it is settled law that only the elements explicitly set forth in the claim language of a claim in open format, or their "equivalents", are required for infringement. Specifically, the Applicant traverses the Examiner's assertion that a "protective layer" is a required element of the "laminate".

This response is timely filed, and the Applicant respectfully submits that this response does not affect the patent term adjustment under 35 U.S.C. § 154(c).

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